

Community Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) For the Cancer Cluster Investigation  
October 27, 2010, 7:00pm-8:30pm  
Frederick County Health Department  
Auditorium (entrance "C")  
350 Montevue Lane  
Frederick, MD 21702

- I. Introductions
  - a. Who is assembled
  - b. Each person shares his/her interest in this committee and any relevant expertise
  - c. Each person reviews any conflict of interest or the perception of a conflict of interest with his/her participation
  - d. Who else or what other expertise should be at the table?
  - e. Review the public nature of this group especially as it relates to persons assembled
- II. Purpose of the TAC
  - a. Goal for this first meeting
  - b. Discussion of overall purpose(s)
- III. TAC Mode of Decision Making Discussion
- IV. What is the Hypothesis or Question to be answered?
  - a. Review definition of a cancer cluster
  - b. Review Frederick County cancer data trends
  - c. Review preliminary findings from analysis of Maryland Cancer Registry for the period of 2000-2007 for 3 census tracts and for the selected cancers
  - d. Each person shares thoughts
  - e. Group discussion
    - i. Geographic area
    - ii. Time period
    - iii. Types of cancer
- V. How to Approach the Hypothesis or Question to be answered?
  - a. Review of common approaches to epidemiologic studies with pros and cons
  - b. Group discussion of how well each approach would address the hypothesis or question to be answered
  - c. Group discussion of sources of data and pros and cons (if we get this far)
- VI. Next Steps
  - a. Communication among members
    - i. Form
    - ii. Frequency
  - b. Communication to community
    - i. Website
    - ii. Community meetings convened by FCHD
  - c. Meeting
    - i. Next meeting to be scheduled
    - ii. Frequency preferences
    - iii. Location and time preferences
  - d. Homework to be completed before next meeting
  - e. Goals for next meeting